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1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM REFTELS THAT COMMITTEES FOR DEFENSE OF REVOLUTION (CDRS) ARE BACKED BY COMMUNISTS AND FELLOW-TRAVELERS, WHILE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCILS OF WORKERS, SOLDIERS, AND SAILORS (CRTS) ARE SUPPORTED BY FAR-LEFT MILITARY AND CIVILIAN GROUPS.

2. BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING ROLE THESE COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES APPEAR TO BE PLAYING, IF ONLY IN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL DEBATE, ANY AMPLIFYING INFORMATION ON THEM WHICH YOU CAN PROVIDE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. THIS COULD INCLUDE BACKGROUND, LINKS TO PARTIES AND IDEOLOGICAL ORIENTATION, LEADERSHIP, TYPE OF ORGANIZATION AND DEGREE OF EFFECTIVENESS, CURRENT POLITICAL ROLE, AND POLITICAL PROSPECTS.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT THE "WORKERS COMMISSIONS" WHICH ARE ACTIVE

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